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## Youth athletics - A community partnership

**By Bruce W. Jeter**

DoDDs Korea Superintendent

Over the past several years there have been numerous concerns regarding the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Korea Athletic Program. Recently there has been a series of meetings to work with the military and Youth Services to review potential alternatives to the current offerings. It is the intent of DoDDs Korea to continue with these meetings with the military and Youth Services personnel from Yongsan, Osan, Taegu and Pusan. These planning meetings will allow all the issues to surface and for a quality review of current athletic offerings as well as future athletic offerings. This is a very complex issue and the partnership between the military, Youth Services and the schools will allow DoDDs to move to expand the current athletic program. The long-term goal is to sign a Memorandum of Agreement, which outlines the responsibilities of the

military, Youth Services and the schools.

The early time line for the expansion is to include continued planning and operational meetings for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year. DoDDs Korea will then try to pilot a baseball team during the 2002-2003 school year with the hopes of a full expansion of baseball to all DoDDs Korea schools in 2003-2004 school year. The pilot in baseball could include more than one DoDDs Korea team in the 2002-2003 school year, but we do not want to make that a requirement the first year as it may have a negative impact on expanding the program. During this time football and possibly girls softball will be analyzed to expand those programs. The planning committee must keep in mind that program expansion must include expansion of our girls programs as well. The early goal is to expand the DoDDs Korea athletic program to include

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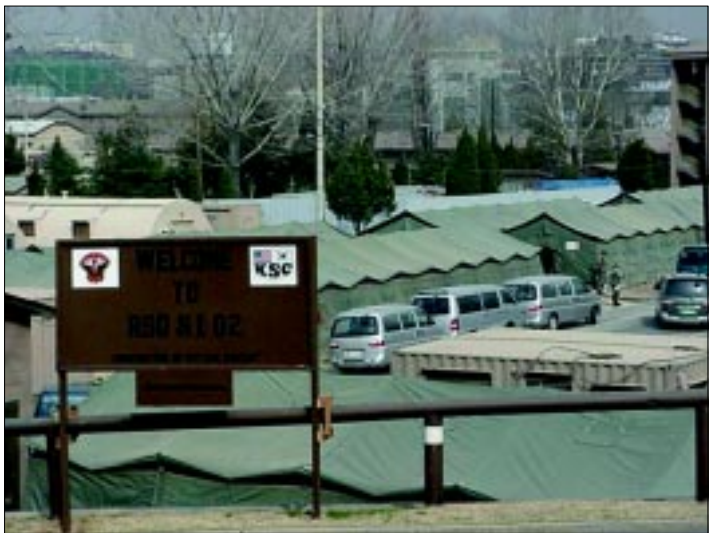
### Drive with caution...



PHOTO BY JOHN NOWELL

The natural gas line work along Eighth Army Drive from Mayo Street to X Corps Blvd. started on March 25 and will continue until April 20. Drivers and pedestrians are asked to use caution while passing through this area.

## 34th SG PLEX coordinates quality life support areas



PHOTOS BY PFC. LEE SANG-HYUB

A view of the LSA at Camp Coiner, Yongsan Garrison.

**By Jonathan Del Marcus**

Editor

The 34th Support Group's Plans and Exercises section has responsibility for

coordinating the AREA II life support areas for the Reception, Staging, Onward Moving and Integration and Foal Eagle exercises currently going on throughout Korea, as well as other exercises scheduled during the year.

"It first starts with a planning conference six months prior to the exercise to identify the requirements for the exercise and to identify personnel coming to the

peninsula," said Master Sgt. Mario Guindin, operations sergeant, Plans and Exercises, 34th Support Group.

Area II LSAs for the RSO & I exercise are set up in Yongsan Garrison, Command Post TANGO and Camp Colbern.

PLEX coordinates to obtain fresh drinking water, vending machines, laundry service, cable TV hookups, maintenance support for environmental control units, maintenance support for the exercise, and the distribution of Stars & Stripes newspapers at the LSAs, said Sergeant 1st Class Joseph A. Ortiz, noncommissioned officer in charge, 9th Korean Service Corps, PLEX, 34th Spt. Grp.

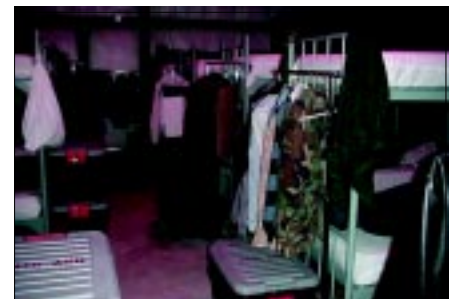
In addition to the soldiers already stationed in Korea who work in the exercise, numerous soldiers stationed in the United States and at installations throughout the world come to Korea on temporary duty status to assist in the

exercise.

"My job is to accommodate soldiers that are coming in to inprocess for the exercise," said Staff Sgt. Juana M. Blackshear, LSA noncommissioned officer in charge, Camp Coiner.

"Once they inprocess they come see us and we find out where they are

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PHOTOS BY PFC. LEE SANG-HYUB

The interior of an LSA Butler building at CP TANGO contains bunkbeds, footlockers and racks to hang clothes.

### NEWS AND NOTES

**Army Travel Charge Card**

There has been no interruption of service for government travel charge cardholders. Individual cardholders should continue to use their travel cards while in a travel status, file accrual and settlement vouchers in a timely manner, and pay their bill on time.

**Banquet in Honor of the Tuskegee Airmen**

The Council of Deliberation, Far East, will hold this banquet May 20, 6 p.m. at the Dragon Hill Lodge ballroom. Cost: \$25 donation. For tickets, contact Command Sgt. Maj. Hawkins at 011-695-0636 or 723-6493.

**CCK Conference 2002**

Contracting Command Korea is hosting the "CCK Conference 2002" April 22 and 24 at two separate locations. On April 22 there will be an all-day symposium at the Seoul Hilton for all contractors. On April 24, there will be mini-workshops and a symposium for customers at the Dragon Hill Lodge. To register online, go to [www.cckbid.com](http://www.cckbid.com) or [www.cckeps.com](http://www.cckeps.com).

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# CINC Huddle Summer Hire Program

This month's commander in chief's huddle is about the Summer Hire Program 2002. This year's program is on track to be our biggest and best ever. That's good, because it is a true win/win situation for both United States Forces Korea and our eligible dependent youth here on the peninsula.

To make this program successful will take all of us working together. First, I want to get the word out for parents and students to contact their local personnel offices to find out what jobs are available. We start taking applications on April 15 and work starts on June 17. Second, I want commanders and managers throughout the peninsula to make their desires and needs known to the local personnel offices.

We have 348 jobs categorized as either clerical or labor. The workweek is 40 hours long and the pay is \$4.50 an hour. The jobs can be as simple as answering the phones or catching up on important filing. Most are with agencies/units and some are with our Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Hiring priority goes first to college students. Once our college students are slotted, the priority shifts to students over

16 and finally to students who are between 14 and 15 years of age.

Those eligible are from 14-22 years of age and who are affiliated with the US government (either Status of Forces Agreement or diplomatic status, military dependents, or children of United States Department Agriculture, Veteran's Administration, Customs and Federal Aviation Administration employees). Anyone not covered by SOFA is not eligible.

Full and part time jobs are available throughout the peninsula. The work period is June 17 through August 9, though specific jobs will vary within this window. You can apply throughout the summer, since some jobs come open due to permanent change of station or other reasons. Sponsors, keep this in mind and pass this information to inbound families. A job is a great way for a new family member to make new friends and start to feel at home.

There is no preference in hiring based on sponsor rank or grade. As I mentioned earlier, college students have first priority and then it goes down the line based on age. One factor that does apply is if a student has worked with a certain

organization before, then they have priority. Also, if a student has a particular skill, then civilian personnel will match that skill with a specific unit or agency need.

Commanders and managers, your requests for summer hire positions in your organization are due by April 15. Put some thought into this so that you can use our young employees to your advantage. The purpose is to get useful work done while giving our family members useful job skills and experience in the Federal work place. They will learn some necessary skills about dress, work discipline/habits, communications skills, and what it takes to be successful in the work force.

We call this program "Hot Jobs for Cool Cash" and promise our youth "Not Just a Job, but a Summer Adventure." I strongly encourage all of you to check with your local civilian personnel office or check out the "Hot Jobs" link on the USFK website at [www.korea.army.mil](http://www.korea.army.mil) for vacancies. We're on track to make this the biggest and best summer hire program ever.



General Thomas A. Schwartz

This really is a win/win situation for us all. Our kids earn money and learn useful skills. USFK becomes better because of the good work these temporary workers will accomplish. I expect that at the end of the summer, many of our commanders and managers will wish the kids could stay on and will make a note to ask for those same employees back next summer.

## Environmental Awareness for Commanders

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine - Pacific will provide a 4-hour Environmental Awareness course for commanders, senior leaders, including company commanders and key staffers who deal with environmental issues on Apr. 3. This course provides a general overview of command responsibilities in environmental protection and a concise explanation of the requirements included in the Environmental Governing Standards. Topics include: hazardous waste and hazardous material management, medical waste management, environmental conservation, petroleum oil lubricant spill control management, and a basic overview of other environmental compliance requirements and issues. This is a good opportunity for commanders and senior leaders to reinforce current understanding of environmental policies and procedures. Please ensure that Commanders and senior leaders don't miss this opportunity. Classes will be held at the Community Services Building, building 4106, South Post. There will be a morning session from 8 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1 to 5 p.m. Please e-mail Daryl Dempsey at [DempseyD@34SG.korea.army.mil](mailto:DempseyD@34SG.korea.army.mil) with your name, rank, unit, telephone number and e-mail address, and indicate if you will be attending the morning or afternoon session.

## MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2002 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

A family member was charged with larceny of NAF property. Investigation revealed that the family member was observed entering the dressing room with several items, which she concealed on her person. When she attempted to exit the store without rendering payment for the merchandise, the family member was detained by security until the arrival of Military Police. The family member was transported to the MP station, processed and released pending action by the Installation Commander. The

Installation Commander's Action Report indicates that the family member's ration control privileges were suspended for six months and she is required to perform 50 hours of community service.

A Sergeant was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer and fleeing apprehension. Investigation revealed the service member attempted to flee from the Military Police and assaulted an MP. The service member was apprehended, transported to the MP station, processed and released to his unit pending action by his Commander. The Commander's Action Report indicates that, in a Field Grade Article 15, the E-5 was reduced to E-4, received 45 days extra duty and 45 days restriction, and was discharged from the Military under Chapter 14b.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### **Easter at DHL**

Easter Bunny checks in March 27, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt March 31, 2 p.m. Easter Sunday Brunch on the Mezzanine March 31. For more information, call 738-2222/6763.

### **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Child Development Center (Bldg 4280, South Post) March 30. Ages 0-2: 11-11:15 a.m.  
Ages 3-5: 11:20-11:35 a.m.  
Ages 6-8: 11:40-11:55 a.m.  
Ages 9-11: Noon-12:15 p.m.  
For more information, call Steve Newhouse at 738-8130.

### **Solo Exhibition**

The DL gallery in association with the Seoul International Visual Arts Society cordially invites you to a solo exhibition by artist Gerald Winston Lewis. It will be through April 4. Opening hours are 2-5 p.m. on Mondays & Wednesdays, 4-10 p.m. on Fridays & Saturdays.

### **Arts & Designer Crafts Contest Awards & Exhibit**

8th U.S. Army/MWR Arts & Designer Crafts Contest Awards & Exhibit will be held April 5, 2 p.m. in the main lounge at Moyer CAC. For more information, call 723-6270/738-4750.

### **Learn Cross Stitching**

Anyone interested in learning to cross stitch, call for information 738-5254 or email byrdwelchb@usfkorea.army.mil. Class will be held on evenings or weekends.

### **Want to Teach a Class?**

If you're interested in teaching a class in arts and crafts (cross stitching, calligraphy, embroidery, knitting, etc.), call 738-5254 or email byrdwelchb@usfkorea.army.mil to discuss a possible contract.

### **Scholarship Deadlines**

Seoul American Enlisted Spouses club - March 31, The American Women's Club of Seoul - March 31.

### **SAHS PTO**

The Seoul American High School Parent Teacher Organization seeks nominations for officers to lead the PTO during the 02-03 school year. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations will be held April 2 with elections May 7. The last SAHS PTO meetings for the 01-02 school year will be held April 2 and May 7 in the SAHS Library at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 797-3666.

# New CAC, gym part of future Camp Coiner master plan

**Lt. Col. Daniel J. Worth**

Area II DPW

The new eight-story, "L-shaped" barracks building design concept, which creates 464 modified 2+2 billeting spaces in each building, reduces the total number of new buildings required to support the "Barracks Buyout Program" at Yongsan to roughly six. Siting six large, "L-shaped" buildings on hilly terrain such as we have in Yongsan is a challenge, except, of course, at Camp Coiner. In fact, Camp Coiner happens to be the ideal location for a barracks complex, and has become the focal point for the development of a new Master Planning strategy – the Camp Coiner Barracks Complex.

An innovative planning concept, seeks to consolidate as many of the troop support activities as possible into a convenient, centrally located, planned community. The six new barracks buildings will be arranged in a quadrangle configuration, with green spaces and playing fields inside the quads. Parking will be provided in parking structures under the green spaces and playing fields. Common work locations, such as the Headquarters for brigade and smaller sized activities, Company and Detachment Operations buildings, and motor pools, will be constructed in adjacent multifunctional Admin/Headquarters buildings and consolidated Maintenance Facilities. A Soldier Support Center will bring personnel services, finance, medical and all other support activities supporting servicemen and women into one central facility. Another facility, an Education Resources Center, would consolidate the Education Center, Library, Media Labs, training support activities, into one building, with an auditorium (theater), and possibly food and retail activities.

Though only a concept at this stage, the Camp Coiner Master Plan already has one key component under design: a combined Physical Fitness Center (new Trent Gym) and Community Activity Center project is scheduled to be awarded

later this year with construction beginning in early 2003. With an anticipated two-year construction period, this facility will become a reality in early 2005. The new facility (which will replace Trent Gym) will be constructed in the area currently used as the exercise support area (tent city) in Camp Coiner. The building will feature a large gym (one large and three cross basketball courts) with an elevated running track, an eight-lane, 25-meter pool, racquetball courts, exercise, fitness rooms, and weight rooms. The CAC side will include a large, multi-purpose meeting room, a smaller TV room, a large cyber café with a computer skills lab, and areas for traditional games (pool, table tennis), video games, and many other recreational activities. A parking structure is also a part of this project.

As for new barracks, the first phase of the Camp Coiner Barracks Complex is in development now, and will be nominated for the Fiscal Year 2005 Major Construction, Army program. This initial phase (out of an anticipated 6 total phases) includes the first barracks building, two unit operations facilities, a 1300 person dining facility (which will replace the current, antiquated Camp Coiner DFAC), and a multi-functional admin facility. The remaining phases will each be designed

around a barracks building, with all the other supporting facilities included in various phases.

When completed in 2010, Camp Coiner will be the home for the junior enlisted servicemen and women of all services and nationalities in Yongsan. With barracks, working, education, and recreational activities all centralized in this collegial community, Camp Coiner – already being called "Campus Coiner" – will become the centerpiece of Yongsan's new development and will make Yongsan an "assignment of choice."



PHOTO BY JOHN NOWELL

Construction has begun on a project to cover a portion of the large drainage ditch which runs through Yongsan's Main Post along 1st Corps Boulevard from Gate #3 to the Republic of Korea War Museum. The section of ditch immediately behind the Post Office and Library buildings up to the intersection of 1st Corps Boulevard and 8th Army Drive will be covered, and a parking area will be constructed in its place. This parking lot addresses some of the parking problems we currently experience at the PX, Townhouse, Community Bank complex, and will also help to offset an anticipated increased parking requirement when the new AAFES Minimal opens this Fall. We expect to gain 50 new parking spaces. In order to begin construction, the AAFES New Car Sales lot has been relocated, but the New Car Sales office and the AAFES Barber Shop will remain in operation at their current locations. The construction period is 143 days, with an anticipated completion date of August 16, 2002.



## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Quartermaster Laundry Service**

QM Laundry serves U.S. Military/KATUSA, Government employees and their dependents within Areas I, II and III. The following items are cleaned at government expense for active army military personnel:

Bedding items: sheets, blankets, pillowcases, pillows, mattress pads, mattress covers.

CIF items: sleeping bags, aviation suits, chemical suits, cooks whites, etc.

Organizational items: KATUSA garments, flags, curtains, drapes, etc.

The following items are paid by customers for all U.S. ID card holders:


Military uniforms: BDUs, Class "A", etc.

Civilian garments: suits, shirts, jeans, dresses, blouses, etc.

**Case Lot Sale**

Yongsan Commissary will have a case lot sale. The case lot sales time is regular operating hours from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on March 30 and 31.

**ICE has arrived !!**

ICE is here and we want to know what you think. Log on to <http://ice.disa.mil> and take a look at our new Interactive Customer Evaluation system. We have over 90 different customer service locations to choose from. Need information? Click on the  icon to get locations, operating hours and other useful information. After you check out our website, tell us what you think. Send an e-mail to [ice@34SG.korea.army.mil](mailto:ice@34SG.korea.army.mil) and let us know how we're doing.

**Thrift Savings Plan And Personal Identification Number**

Once a soldier's TSP account is established, the Thrift Investment Board will send the soldier an introductory letter and their PIN. This letter and PIN will be forwarded to the address the soldier used when they started their deduction for TSP. Once received they will be able to access the TSP Web site or call the Thriftline (504-255-8777) to make a contribution allocation. If a soldier does not receive/loses/forgets their PIN, they should access the TSP Web site ([WWW.TSP.GOV](http://WWW.TSP.GOV)) for instructions on how to obtain a new one.

**Reunion in Korea 2002**

The Korea Travel Bureau will sponsor the Reunion in Korea 2002 program. Reunion dates are April 15-19, May 13-17, Sept. 23-27 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1. Details and latest Reunion information is available at [reunion@ktbinc.co.kr](mailto:reunion@ktbinc.co.kr) or [www.ktbonline.com](http://www.ktbonline.com). To speak with someone directly, call 723-3474 or 723-6085.

# Affirmative claims: When the U.S. Government is the victim

**Capt. Eugene Y. Kim**

Chief, Military Claims Division U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

Recently, a HUMVEE was involved in a traffic accident near Pyongtaek. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. Unfortunately, the HUMVEE was heavily damaged and required extensive repairs. The driver of the HUMVEE was not negligent in his operation of the vehicle, so it appeared that the U.S. Government would have to "eat" the cost of the damage. Thankfully, this didn't happen. The U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea was able to file an affirmative claim against the insurance company of the driver who caused the accident. A negotiated settlement was eventually reached, and the USAFCS-K was able to recover over \$5,000 as compensation for the damage caused to the HUMVEE.

USAFCS-K's affirmative claims program is based primarily on two federal laws, the Federal Claims Collection Act and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act. Although these laws focus on different types of government losses, their objective is the same: to ensure that the U.S. Government is reimbursed for resources that are damaged, lost or expended through no fault of its own.

The FCCA (Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3711) empowers the U.S. Government to file affirmative claims against persons (known as "tortfeasors") who lose or cause damage to government property. Affirmative claims under the FCCA are a valuable tool that can be utilized when the tortfeasor is not a uniformed or civilian employee of the Department of Defense and, therefore, not normally subject to other property accountability processes, such as report of survey system. Affirmative claims under the FCCA may be filed against tortfeasors and/or their insurance companies. In cases where government property is damaged, the desired end-state of an affirmative claim is to obtain either monetary reimbursement for the cost of the damage, or have the property repaired

by the tortfeasor at his/her expense. In cases where government property is lost, an affirmative claim will generally seek either replacement of the property, or payment of replacement costs. Money recovered through affirmative claims filed under the FMCRA is deposited into the U.S. Treasury.

Through the FMCRA (Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 2651-2653), the U.S. Government is authorized to file affirmative claims against tortfeasors who cause injury to personnel who are later treated at DoD medical treatment facilities. As is the case with affirmative claims under the FCCA, affirmative claims under the FMCRA may be filed against tortfeasors and/or their insurance companies. In aggravated cases, affirmative claims under the FMCRA may be filed against uniformed and civilian employees of the DoD (and their family members) in cases where they are the tortfeasors and their conduct constitutes gross negligence. Money recovered through affirmative claims filed under the FMCRA is deposited into the account of the Military Treatment Facility that provided the medical care.

Under DoD Directive 5515.8, the Army has single-service responsibility for affirmative claims in Korea. The USAFCS-K is the agency tasked with the mission of executing the Army's responsibilities under the DoD directive. Unit commanders should contact USAFCS-K when their government property is lost or damaged, and the person at fault is not subject to financial liability under the report of survey or other property accountability system. When notifying USAFCS-K of a potential affirmative claim, unit commanders should provide information that explains the circumstances of the loss or damage; this information is usually contained in Military Police and Criminal Investigation Division reports, and reports of survey. Repair and replacement costs must also be provided. MTF commanders should also contact USAFCS-K when medical care is provided

to persons who are the victims of either grossly negligent acts of DoD personnel, or the negligent acts of non-DoD personnel. MTF commanders need to provide USAFCS-K with information on the type and cost of medical care provided, and the circumstances that necessitated that care.

Unit commanders should never attempt to negotiate directly with tortfeasors for the repair, replacement, or repayment of lost or damaged government property. Such unauthorized negotiations are a violation of federal law and exposes unit commanders to the possibility of adverse action under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, and/or personal financial liability. There is also no guarantee that a tortfeasor, after having agreed to a private settlement, will actually carry out the terms of the agreement. The USAFCS-K is the only agency in Korea that is authorized to negotiate and settle affirmative claims.

The affirmative claims program is an important tool that can be used to rectify situations where the U.S. Government has incurred loss or damage to its property, or provided medical care, under circumstances where a third party is at fault. As taxpayers, we can all appreciate the need to ensure that, when military resources are lost, damaged, or expended due to the negligent acts of a third party, the DoD has a method for recovering the goods and services that all of us helped pay for. During Fiscal Year 2001, the USAFCS-K was able to recover over \$117,000 as compensation for lost or damaged government property, and for medical care provided by MTFs.

Unit and MTF commanders should forward information on potential affirmative claims to the Commander, U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea, ATTN: Military Claims Division, Affirmative Claims Section, Unit # 15311, APO AP 96205-0084. If you have questions or information on affirmative claims, contact Yong C. Yi at 738-8391, or Capt. Eugene Y. Kim at 738-8108.

## NEWS & NOTES

### **Korea Retiree Web Site**

The Osan Air Base Retiree Activities Office web site has been reactivated at <http://www.rao-osan.com>. A new retiree web site for wireless access (such as Internet-capable cell phones) is at <http://rao-osan.com/~wap/>. The site contains useful information for retirees including newsletters, information for Korea retirees and links to interesting sites. For more information, call 784-1441 or email [retact@osan.af.mil](mailto:retact@osan.af.mil).

### **Reserve Component Career Counselor**

All separating officers and soldiers must contact their Reserve Component Career Counselor prior to leaving active duty. First contact should be as early as 120 days prior to separation. Reserve Component Career Counselors are co-located with the Separation Points. For more information, call 724-8491 or 723-6833.

### **CCK Conference 2002**

The CCK is hosting the "CCK Conference 2002" on April 22 and 24 at two separate locations. On April 22 CCK will sponsor an all-day symposium at the Hilton for a symposium and mini-workshops for customers April 24 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Online registration for the conference will begin March 10 at [www.cckbid.com](http://www.cckbid.com).

### **Warrior's Gate**

"The Stronghold of Warrior's Gate," sanctioned by the Society for Creative Anachronism, invites you to join them in re-creating the Middle Ages! For information, email [warriorsgate@yahoo.com](mailto:warriorsgate@yahoo.com).

### **Wine & Cheese Theater**

Wine & Cheese theater presents "A Woman's Nature" April 5-6, 8 p.m. at Embassy Club. Tickets are \$10. They are on sale at the U.S. Embassy Association. For information, call 721-4487/ 397-4487.

### **Free Developmental Screening**

Early Intervention Services provides free developmental screenings and evaluation services for children age birth to 36 months. If you have questions or concerns regarding how your child talks, moves, eats or plays, call 738-6792/5043. In case of older children, call 736-5214, SAES.

### **Yard Sale**

U.S. Embassy Association will hold a yard sale May 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you have interest in space rental, stop by U.S.E.A. any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For information, call 397-4487/ 721-4487.

# Senior boys display fashion, talents at Mr. SAHS pageant



PHOTO BY SUSAN PAGE (SAHS)

From right to left: Gilbert Rigor, 'Mr. Strings,' Undre Robinson II, 'Mr. Student Council Association,' and Mark Kuhr, 'Mr. Principal's Choice,' perform the Macarena dance prior to the Mr. SAHS pageant March 23.

### **By Holly Bellone**

Student Intern

This year's 5th annual Mr. Seoul American High School pageant, sponsored by the SAHS senior class, took place at the school's auditorium March 23.

The event began at 7 p.m. and the auditorium was packed with spectators of students, teachers and other members of the community. The pageant consisted of only male contestants who competed in five different categories. They wore beachwear, casual wear and formal wear. They also showed off their talents and were interviewed by the event's host and hostess.

The people who were selected for the event were from different clubs, sports, and activities at SAHS. The senior class, with the help of their sponsor Yang Ki Wojick, a math teacher at SAHS, made

the event possible.

"It's a good experience. It also helps them to learn both sides of success and failure for the real world. Everyone committed, and it teaches them to follow through," said Wojick.

Each contestant had a title that he used during the event. Some of the titles that were used included Mr. Wrestling, Mr. Football, Mr. Model United Nations and Mr. Strings.

In the end only one man could claim the title of Mr. SAHS. The four judges voted Lord Edwin Malonzo Gozon de Jesus Carreon as the first place winner. The first runner-up was Undre Robinson II, and the second runner-up was William Nicholas. The contestants themselves voted Kellen Bean as 'Mr.

Congeniality.'

"I was really surprised that I won. I do not believe Mr. SAHS is one person. It is a collection of students that make up the body. I am not Mr. SAHS. I am a representative of that body," Carreon said.

To prepare for an event like this was not an easy task. The contestants and their escorts, girls who participate in the same clubs as the contestants, worked after school and even came on weekends to try to make it the best Mr. SAHS in the history of the school. Many of the contestants had never participated in an event like this and most of them were very excited.

"I feel excited about this because this was my first Mr. SAHS," said William Nichols, 'Mr. Swimming.'

"I feel spectacular. It's the first, and since I'm naturally beautiful, it's going to be a cinch," said Anthony Jones, 'Mr. Drama.'

This was also a chance to show the hidden talents each contestant had. Talents ranged from singing, dancing, drawing, playing the saxophone and dramatic performances. Many people also helped some of the contestants with their talent portion of the show.

See "Mr. SAHS" on page 12.



PHOTO BY SUSAN PAGE (SAHS)

Anthony Jones, 'Mr. Drama,' poses during the swimwear category of the Mr. SAHS pageant.



## NEWS & NOTES

### ACS EFMP Support Groups

The support groups are a great opportunity for parents to share information, talk to specialists about their special needs, concerns or just listen and support other parents or special needs family members. The schedules are: 1. Autism Support Group meets the 2nd Monday and Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Army Community Services Building, room #124. 2. The Hearing Impaired Support Group meets each month in Hannam Village. 3. Asthma Support Group and The Diabetic Support Group meet the 2d Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the CSB, room #205. For information, call 738-5311.

### Volunteer of the Quarter/Year Nominations

Hello Yongsan volunteer organization. It is time again to recognize your outstanding volunteers. Nominations must be turned in to ACS by COB March 29. For information, call 738-7510.

### Spring Bazaar

Stop by and collect your vendor agreement, if interested in becoming a vendor. It will be held April 20, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at U.S. Embassy Association Building. For information, call 7918-6124/397-4487.

### International Fair

Seoul American Elementary School will be hosting an international fair in SAES gym and all are welcome to attend. Kindergarten - South America, April 1, 9-9:45 a.m. First Grade - North America, April 1, 11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Second Grade - Asia, April 2, 9-9:45 a.m. Third Grade - Europe, April 2, 1-1:45 p.m. Fourth Grade - Oceania, April 3, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fifth Grade - Africa, April 3, 8:15-9 a.m.

### Pet Care Center

Customers going on permanent change of station or having other emergencies can make special arrangements with the Pet Care Center for early, late, holiday or normal closing day pick-up from the center. Pick-up from the center is the only service that will be provided on authorized closing days. For information, call 736-6426 or 738-5254/5419.

### 8th Army, AFAP

The major commands (MACOM) will convene the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference May 13-14. At the conference delegates, who represent the global Army family (soldiers, retirees, Department of the Army (DA) civilians and family members) evaluate issues submitted from installations and local communities. Some of the issues are worked at MACOM level where they result in command-wide quality of life improvements. Issues that require DA, DoD or legislative authority are submitted to Headquarters, DA. Point of contact is Adelle Kosture at 725-5271. If you're interested in being a delegate, contact your area installation AFAP coordinator.

## COMMUNITY CLOSURES

### Chosun Gift Shop Closed

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed April 8-13 for Spring Break. The shop will reopen April 17.

### Moyer CAC Closed

Moyer CAC will be closed at 3 p.m. for maintenance and fumigation on the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 723-3293.

### Community Bank

In support of Military Payday, all branches of the community bank will open April 1, 15 and close April 6, 20.

### Commissary Closed

To replace new shelves, the commissary will be closed April 8, 9, 10. It will reopen on April 11.

# AFAP: Working to enhance community well-being

By Yvonne Kearns

ACS Director

**Editor's Note:** This article is a continuation of the AFAP article begun last week.

### Youth and Youth Education workgroup

**Issue 1:** A lack of extended hours and childcare options.

**Scope:** Community established childcare facilities are only open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. At present Family Child Care providers are not available for off duty hours which hinders the morale, duty performance and mission of our civilians, military and family members.

Conference recommendation:

1. Develop and implement FCC providers program that includes incentives of monetary or bigger housing.

2. Extend hours of childcare facilities from 5:30 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Issue 2:** Lack of identification tags proposes security risk in our school system.

**Scope:** Teachers and visitors are not readily identifiable, therefore, putting our children at risk for abduction and other criminal actions.

Conference recommendation:

1. Require all school staff and visitors to wear identification badges or passes.

2. Reduce uncontrolled access to school grounds.

**Issue 3:** Under age drinking and smoking.

**Scope:** Inadequate enforcement of under age alcohol and tobacco rules contributes to the misconduct of our youth.

those who want to participate in these sports.

Conference recommendation:

1. Provide operational information and charges to parents in a timely fashion (total cost, use of facilities, schedules).

2. Expand media coverage, to include but not limited to, phone calls, e-mail, TV, radio, newspaper, marquee, and flyers at PX, commissary, and food court. Include a website.

3. Improve training of coaches in communicating with parents.

**Issue 2:** Lack of designated place for teens, 9th - 12th grades.

**Scope:** Teens, 9th - 12th grades, have nowhere to go. They often get bored, get into trouble, do not share same interests as younger teens and may socialize with young soldiers.

There are a limited number of age appropriate activities offered at YS.

Conference recommendation:

1. Find a separate and safe facility for teens in grades 9th - 12th to interact with their peers in order to participate in social, educational, recreational and cultural activities.

2. Provide a separate room/building to accomplish the above until a separate teen facility is available.

**Issue 3:** Customer Service by Korean National Workers.

**Scope:** Korean Nationals provide different quality of services and foods to American, other Korean, and Korean-Americans, affecting the Korean/American relationship.

Conference recommendation:

1. Offer training on customer service.

There are a limited number of age appropriate activities offered at YS.

Conference recommendation:

1. Develop and implement a policy that empowers the school system to enforce these rules during school hours by suspension.

2. Place school monitors and patrol areas that are patronized and frequented by students during school hours.

3. Establish a policy that penalizes establishments for selling alcohol and tobacco products to minors by terminating employees in these establishments.

### MWR and Family Support workgroup

**Issue 1:** Communication of Youth Services Sports information

**Scope:** Youth Services is not communicating up-front costs and changes to Youth Sports (i.e. prices, use of facilities, schedules, etc). This affects family budgets and

2. Develop an incentive program that recognizes good customer service.

3. Conduct an annual evaluation by an outside source.

### Employment and Adult Education workgroup

**Issue 1:** Little availability of CORE (Basic Math, English, etc.) ESL daytime classes.

**Scope:** Some soldiers or DoD civilians cannot attend evening classes due to mission requirements (i.e. shift work, duty). Family members can only utilize childcare during the day or cannot attend evening classes after children return from school. Community needs a wider variety of classes from which to choose.

Conference recommendation:

1. Increase number of daytime classrooms available by utilizing unit

classrooms. People from various units combine to form one class and meet at the unit for instruction.

2. Recruit additional instructors as needed.

3. Offer more morning classes.

4. Create daytime ACS ESL classes for family members.

**Issue 2:** A lack of unit leaders involvement with soldiers' civilian education.

**Scope:** A low number of junior enlisted soldiers are enrolled in civilian education classes. Unit leaders do not put enough emphasis on this aspect of enrichment as they do other training. Junior enlisted soldiers need to know the benefits a college degree can provide for their military careers as well in their personal lives.

Conference recommendation:

1. Provide unit leaders with an education profile of their soldiers.

2. Include civilian education as part of IG/CIP inspections.

3. Encourage education with a unit incentive plan (i.e. 3.0 = 4 day pass).

4. Provide maximum support for civilian education with time to attend classes.

**Issue 3:** Lack of accessibility to contract position information.

**Scope:** There is limited information available in several resources but no centralized location for family members to find contract positions.

Conference recommendation:

1. Designate a POC or agency to oversee and make available possible contract employment.

2. Create a list of available contract companies on post to be given to interested job seekers.

3. Supply resumes of interested job seekers to contractors looking for employees.

Col. Wilberger assured the conference participants that work on resolving the issues would not end with the conference. Issues and recommendations are forwarded to responsible agencies who are given an opportunity to respond to the recommendations and resolve the issue. Generally, some 85 percent of all issues can be resolved at the local level. Issues that cannot be resolved locally are forwarded to the Eighth U.S. Army and the Department of the Army for resolution. Installation Commanders, with the help of an advisory committee are responsible for reviewing issues on an ongoing basis and determining if an issue remains active (action is being taken, but is not complete), is resolved, or deemed unattainable at the local level and forwarded.

Watch the Seoul Word for issue updates.

# Veterans burial benefits-the last PCS

By CPT S. Dennis Kim

Chief, Legal Assistance

There are many retirees and servicemembers who are often curious about their burial rights in a Veterans Administration cemetery. The purpose of this article is to provide general information and contact numbers. This article addresses burial in the VA national cemetery, burial in a State Veteran's Cemetery, burial in Arlington National Cemetery, burial in a Department of Interior National Cemetery, burial in the West Point Cemetery, and burial at sea.

The most common location for military and former military burial is at a VA National Cemetery. Generally, to be eligible, you must either (1) die on active duty (2) as a citizen of the US, served during a war and your service ended honorably, or (3) be a veteran and received a discharge other than a dishonorable discharge. In addition, others, like spouses and minor children, are also eligible for burial in a VA National Cemetery. For a list of those eligible, log onto [www.cem.va.gov/eligible.htm](http://www.cem.va.gov/eligible.htm). To confirm your eligibility, call your Veterans Benefits Counselor at 1-800-

827-1000.

Grave sites in VA National Cemeteries cannot now be reserved (reservations before 1973 are honored). Instead, the executor of your estate or your funeral director must contact the VA National Cemetery to arrange a burial. To help ensure your burial in a VA National Cemetery, notify the executor of your estate of your desire and give the executor all necessary paperwork and contact numbers. These include:

your full name and rank, branch of service, Social Security number, service number (if different), VA claim number (if applicable), date and place of birth, date of retirement or last separation from active duty, and copy of military separation documents (e.g., DD Form 214). Collect these documents

and information and keep them in a safe place along with your will to assist your executor in carrying out your desire for burial in a VA National Cemetery.

There are currently 119 VA National Cemeteries located in 39 states and more on the way. The Veterans

Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act of 1999 requires the VA to establish six additional National Cemeteries in areas of the United States in which the need for burial space is greatest. For a full list of all the current VA National Cemeteries, log onto [www.cem.va.gov/listcem.htm](http://www.cem.va.gov/listcem.htm).

In addition to VA National Cemeteries, many states have state VA Cemeteries. Eligibility for state VA Cemeteries is similar to VA National Cemeteries, but may also include state residency requirements. For a complete list of all state VA Cemeteries log onto [www.cem.va.gov/lsvc.htm](http://www.cem.va.gov/lsvc.htm).

Individuals desiring burial in Arlington National Cemetery must contact the cemetery directly. Although Arlington National Cemetery is a National Cemetery, it is one of two cemeteries maintained by the Department of the Army, not the Department of Veterans Affairs. For information on burial eligibility in Arlington, log onto [www.arlingtoncemetery.com/eligib.htm](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.com/eligib.htm), contact (703) 695-3250.

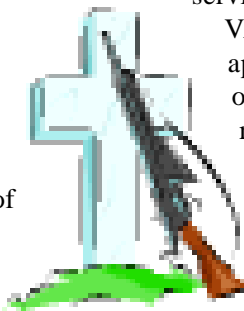
The Department of the Interior's National Park Service maintains 14 national cemeteries, including

Gettysburg National Military Park. For a list of these 14 cemeteries log onto [www.cem.va.gov/doi.htm](http://www.cem.va.gov/doi.htm) or call the Department of the Interior National Park Service at (202) 208-4621.

Another option for burial is the West Point Cemetery. To be eligible, you must be a graduate of the United States Military Academy, a family member of a graduate, or key post personnel. The West Point Cemetery is not a National Cemetery. For further information contact the Academy at (914) 938-2504.

Finally, for those interested in a burial at sea, contact the Department of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Naval Office of Medical/Dental Affairs at 1-800-876-1131 ext. 629.

If there are any specific questions call the LAO at 738-6841 or visit the office (Bldg. 4329 South Post). The office hours are as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.. Remember seeing a lawyer early may not only solve a problem you have; it may also resolve or avoid a problem in the future. Seeing your lawyer early is practicing "Preventive Law."



# The authentic you!

Come out and meet new people and improve your speaking ability. The Pacific Sunset Chapter of Toastmaster's International meets Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. on Yongsan's South Post at Commiskey's Restaurant. For information, call 019-349-4175 or email [mnettrou@hotmail.com](mailto:mnettrou@hotmail.com).

Unfortunately, believers are also sometimes guilty of deceptive labeling practices, and too often the object they represent as being of better quality is themselves. Jesus had little tolerance for people who presented themselves as more holy and more self-righteous than was the fact. You will recall that in Matthew (23:28), He told the

**Prayer:** During this Holy season, O Lord, help us to come clean with Thee, so that we can become the genuine, faithful and caring believers



Chaplain (Col.) Mark Fentress is the 34th Support Group and Area II Staff Chaplain.

You have called us to be. Amen  
Have a blessed Easter and  
Passover! Blessings, Chaplain Mark.

<u>Distinctive Faith Group Sunday Services</u>			<u>Protestant</u>			<u>Lenten/Easter Service</u>			
<u>Episcopal</u>	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel	Sun	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel	Catholic	Good Friday - Pascal Vigil	Mar 29/5 p.m.	South Post Chapel
<u>Lutheran Communion Worship</u>	11 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel		Holy Saturday - Pascal Vigil	Mar 30/8 p.m.	South Post Chapel
<u>United Pentecostal Church International</u>	1:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel(Korean)	Protestant	Easter Sunday Mass	Mar 31/8:30 a. m., noon	Memorial Chapel
<u>Church of Christ</u>	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel		10 a.m.	Balboni Theater(ROCK Service)		Easter Sunrise Service	Mar 31/6, 6:30 a.m.	South Post Chapel
<u>Interdenominational Worship Service</u>	4 p.m.	Memorial Chapel		10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel				CP Colbern
<u>New Life Fellowship</u>	4:30 p.m.	South Post Chapel		10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel		Easter Sunday Service	Mar 31/8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
			11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel			9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel	
			Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)				9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
			7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel				10 a.m.	Balboni Theater
<b><u>Rok Army Korean</u></b>								10:15 a.m.	South Post Chapel
<u>ROK Army Catholic Mass</u>					<b><u>Jewish</u></b>			11 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
2nd Tues	Noon	Memorial Chapel						11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
<u>ROK Army &amp; KATUSA Protestant Service</u>								11 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
Tues	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel	Sat	10 a.m.	South Post Chapel			12 a.m.	South Post Chapel
Wed	8 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel	Fri	3 p.m.	South Post Chapel			1:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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								4 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
			Fri	Noon	Memorial Chapel			5 p.m.	South Post Chapel
								7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel



# Camp Market MPs use dogs to locate narcotics, explosives



Rollie, a German Shephard, assists with narcotics searches. He moves through an obstacle while completing an obstacle course at Camp Market.

By Jonathan Del Marcus

Editor

While dogs are often referred to as 'man's best friend' for their affection for humans, they provide military commanders with a skillful tool in the fight against explosive devices and illegal drugs.

At Area II's Camp Market in Bupyoung-gu, about a one hour's drive west of Seoul, military working dogs are utilized to help in the all-important goal of force

protection.

"We have both explosives detector dog detachments and narcotics detector dog detachments. All detachments also have patrol dogs in them so they can perform law enforcement duties and any type of field duty that is required of them," said Sergeant 1st Class Michael D. Reed, kennel master, 94th Military Police Battalion, Camp Market.

There are five MP detachments within the 94th MP Bn. Three are stationed at Camp Market and two are located at Camp Humphreys. The 483rd MP Detachment at Camp Market is a narcotics unit, and the 901st and 902nd MP Detachments at Camp Market are explosive units. At Camp Humphreys, the 544th MP Detachment is a narcotics unit and the 906th MP Detachment is an explosives unit.

"We respond to bomb threats, suspicious packages,



Rollie, running over the obstacle, tries his best to complete the obstacle course.

a lot of sweeps for VIPs and dignitaries with the explosives dogs. The drug dogs are available to do health and welfare inspections. We're all customs trained so we can work with customs at the airports to do mail checks, checks at the gates and different things like that," Reed said.

Both the dogs and the dog handlers are required to go through extensive training to carry out their mission.

All training for dogs and dog handlers alike in all military services is conducted at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The dog handlers are trained in first aid for dogs, explosives training, narcotics courses, safety courses, patrol work, basic obedience, commands, controlled

aggression, how to run a dog through an obstacle course, and detection.

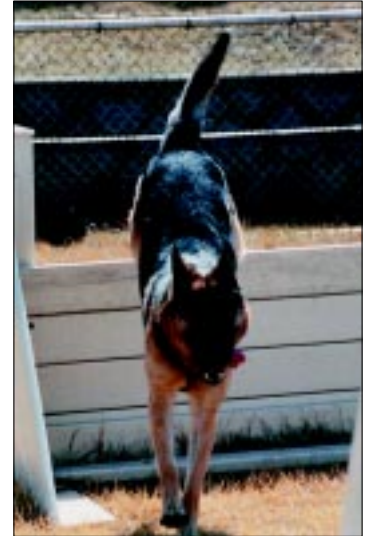
The time that it takes to train a dog depends on how fast the individual dog can learn.

"Some dogs can go into the schoolhouse and come right out. It is just like training a soldier to do something. Some soldiers pick it up really quick. And you've got other soldiers that get it, but they just don't get it as fast," Reed said.

Dogs that look for explosives and dogs that search out narcotics receive the same basic training.

"The only things that you vary is what you are looking for," Reed said.

When a dog arrives in country it is assigned to a unit, placed in a team and paired with a handler. The dog has about 30 days to get ready for certification, Reed said.



Rollie follows his orders to jump over the obstacle.

maintain a 90 percent detection rate," Reed said.

Military working dogs use their superior sense of smell to search out contraband.

"Depending on what you read, a dog's sense of smell is about 10 times better than a human's," Reed said.

It is the smell, not the specific substance that the dog responds to.

"The dog doesn't know what he is looking for, he just knows the odor," Reed noted.

Once a dog is trained at either detecting explosives or narcotics, it will remain in that field and will not cross-train, Reed said.

The job of working with the military working dogs has a built-in benefit not commonly found in other military jobs.

"This is probably got to be the best job in the Army because this is the only job that I can go to work and play Frisbee and get away with it," Reed said.



Quinn, a Belgian Meliona, who assists in explosives searches, performs an aggression exercise with Sgt. James R. Martin, 901st MP Det., Camp Market.

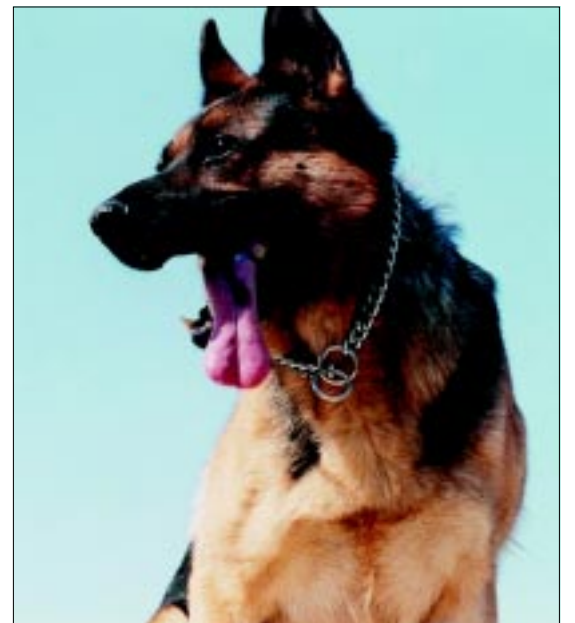


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Mar. 29- April 4

Mar. 29	Kate and Leopold	PG 13	Fri. 6, 8: 30 p.m.
Mar. 30	We Were Soldiers	R	Sat. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Mar. 31	We Were Soldiers	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
April 1	We Were Soldiers	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
April 2	Impostor	PG 13	Tue. 7 p.m.
April 3	The Royal Tenenbaums	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
April 4	The Royal Tenenbaums	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"We Were Soldiers"



Starring  
Mel Gibson, Sam Elliott

Based on the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Mel Gibson), who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War.

Rated: R

"The Time Machine"



Starring  
Guy Pearce, Mark Addy

Alexander Hartdegen (Guy Pearce) invents a time machine in the late 1800s that takes him 800,000 years into the future. There he discovers that mankind has evolved into two races: the Eloi and the Morlocks.

Rated: PG-13

"Kung Pow"

Starring  
Steve Oedekerk, Leo Lee



Writer-director Steve Oedekerk ('The Nutty Professor' and 'Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls') creates an off-the-wall comedy and a new martial arts genre that substantially alters dubbed action footage from a 1970's martial arts picture with a brand new twist in the story line and altered dialogue. The story follows 'The Chosen One' (Oedekerk) as he seeks to avenge the death of his parents at the hands of the evil and seemingly indestructible kung fu legend, Master Pain.

Rated: PG-13

April 5 - April 11

April 5	The Time Machine	PG 13	Fri. 6, 8:30 p.m.
April 6	Monsters. Inc	G	Sat. 2 p.m.
	The Time Machine	PG 13	Sat. 5, 8 p.m.
April 7	The Time Machine	PG 13	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
April 8	Orange County	PG 13	Mon. 7 p.m.
April 9	Kung Pow	PG 13	Tue. 7 p.m.
April 10	Kung Pow	PG 13	Wed. 7 p.m.
April 11	Showtime	PG 13	Thu. 7 p.m.

For information on movie schedules, call 723-7389.

Spring Break

The Yongsan Lanes will have a special running the week of April 8-12 for the YABA, Students of SAES, SAMS and SAHS. Bowl daily, all you want from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. For \$40 with shoe rental or \$30 without. Advance payment is required. For information, call 723-7830.

Family Fun  
Walk/Run

5km Child Abuse Prevention Month Family Fun Walk/Run will start April 6, 9:30 a.m. Collier Field House. Registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and it's free for all participants. T-shirts, refreshments and prizes will be given to participants and winners in each age group. For more information, call 738-8861.

Walk-a-thon

A 6km benefit walk-a-thon will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. on Yoido Island along the scenic Han River. The walk is free for all USFK personnel and families. Transportation will be provided to and from the walk. Buses will depart from Collier Field House on South Post at 1 p.m. and return around 6 p.m. For more information, call 738-8608 or see last week's Seoul Word on the web.

BOSS Needs You

Single soldiers can help plan and conduct morale activities that appeal to their leisure needs. Talk with your unit BOSS rep, volunteer to assist and/or attend the BOSS meetings each month. For information, call 738-5254/5419.



## News & Notes

### Operation Hours

The operation hours at Collier Field House and Trent Gym will be extended during the period March 18-29, from 5 p.m. to midnight daily. For information, call 738-8608.

### Golf Tournament

The 2nd annual Seoul American Middle School PTO golf tournament at Sunnam Golf Course, April 5. Sign-up/Payment deadline is March 29. For information, call Mr. Lenny Kim at 721-7876.

### Youth Bowlers

You can join the Young American Bowling Alliance. It's every Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For information, call 723-7830/738-5171.

### Softball Tryouts

Softball tryouts for the Yongsan Men's Post Level Softball Team will be held 9-11 a.m. April 6 and 7 on softball field #5. Tryouts are open to adult personnel, ID card holders within Area II. For information, call 738-8608.

### Table Tennis Tournaments

All table tennis players are invited every Saturday in April, 2 p.m., in the game room #208. Winners will get a gift certificate. For more information, call 723-3265/3295.

### Pool Tournaments

Moyer CAC Local Qualifying 9-Ball Pool tournament will be held on April 7 at 2 p.m. in the game room #208. A periodic pool tournament is held every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the same room. For information, call 723-3295/3265.

### Area II 9-Ball Pool Tournament

Area II 9-Ball Pool Tournament will be held April 14, 10 a.m. in the game room #208 at Moyer CAC. Winner will qualify for the Eighth U.S. Army/MWR 9-Ball Pool Tournament on April 20-21 at Camp Carroll CAC. For more information, call 723-3295/3265.

### Gold Pin Bowling

The Yongsan Lanes has Gold Pin Bowling every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Take a chance and get a strike with a Gold Pin in front. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

### Monthly Prize-Bowling

The Yongsan Lanes gives a monthly prize, sponsored by the Coca Cola Company. You can win by bowling a certain score. It's free. For information, call 723-7830/7203.

### Budweiser Challenge Bowler

The traditional end-of-the-month Challenge Tournament starts as a HANDICAP-Type Tournament in the month of March. Qualifying for the tournament shall be every Sunday, prior to the last Sunday of the month. More challenges for you to encounter. For information, call 723-7830.

### Happy Birthday!

The Yongsan Lanes does birthday parties for children and adults. Reservations should be made a minimum of two weeks in advance. For information and reservations, call 723-7830/7203.

# SAHS teaches computer networking class

By Linus Lee

Student Intern

The Seoul American High School offers juniors and seniors the opportunity to take a class that will prepare them for the world of computer networking. The class is Cisco Networking Academy taught by Richard Gamble of SAHS.

This year was the first year that SAHS has offered this class. The course is a one-year class, but if taken for two years, the student will receive special certification as a Cisco Certified Network Associate. If employed as a CCNA, one could earn an average starting salary of

approximately \$70,000. Many students believe that Cisco Networking Academy is an online course with Gamble as a teacher. They learn technical material mostly through the use of computer applications.

In order to be eligible to take the class, students must be either a junior or senior and have a 2.0 grade point average. SAHS classifies the Cisco Networking Academy as fulfilling either their computer or business credit requirements. There are currently 10 students enrolled in Cisco Academy, many of whom desire to become a CCNA.

"Cisco networking is a great opportunity to learn valuable networking skills while in high school. I'm glad to take this course because the class is a certification class and also because the same class outside of school would cost a lot of money," said Mark Kuhr, a senior, who also is the graduating class' valedictorian.

"Cisco is a preparation for the outside world since I plan to work in the real world with computers," stated Josh Martz, a senior. "This class has helped with me with computers, such as programming," he said.

## The 2nd International Tourism Seoul Half Marathon Grand Festival new information



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2nd International Tourism Seoul Half Marathon Grand Festival will be held April 7 at the World Cup Main Stadium South Gate Plaza. There will be three races: a 5k, a 10k, and a half marathon race. The entry fee for United States Forces Korea members and their dependents is free of charge for any races. The deadline for registration is March 31. Transportation will be provided to and from the World Cup Main Stadium. Buses will depart from Collier Field House on South Post 7 a.m. Pre-registration for the races and buses is required and can be done at Community Relations Office, bldg #4305, room # 119 or by calling Mr. An, 738-5212 or Bennie Jackson, Area II sports director at 738-8608 by April 4.

## The 2nd Incheon Marathon



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2nd Incheon Marathon Race will be held April 28 at 11 a.m. Applications to run in the race are available at Collier Field House. The registration deadline was March 15. The discounted entry fee for those who register through United States Forces Korea is 20,000 won for the marathon, half-marathon and the 10-kilometer race. The discounted USFK entry fee for the 5k race is 10,000 won.

Marathon shorts will be given to those running in the marathon, half-marathon, 10k and 5k races. T-shirts will be given to those who run in the 5k race.

For further information contact Bennie Jackson, sports director, Area II at 738-8608.

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football in the 2003-2004 school year. This will be a more difficult expansion, as we do not have any Korean high schools or international schools to schedule. The goal is to have at least 3 DoDDS Korea schools to field high school football teams in the 2003-2004 school year. The planning committee will also review the feasibility of playing teams outside of Korea to include Okinawa and Japan.

The cost for such an expansion must be known up front. The partnership between the military, Youth Services and the schools will identify the best strategic planning to fund such an initiative. There are no DoDDS Korea additional funds to expand our current athletic program. The funds will come from within our current operating budget in Korea. Therefore, the careful timeline must reflect a process that ensures that a quality instructional program remains the foundation for our DoDDS Korea schools. DoDDS Korea looks forward to working with both the military community and Youth Services to build a bridge for the future expansion of our athletic program.

This effort represents a bridge for the future of DoDDS athletic programs. In building this bridge there are many tasks to complete. The military, Youth Services and DoDDS Korea working together will ensure the future looks bright for the expansion of athletics. In the early stages of planning there will be an analysis of the current funding procedures as well as what the DoDDS Korea funding procedures will reflect. The end product will reflect the high standards that all DoDDS programs must meet. The effort will focus on league development to include by-laws that all participants must meet. There is a need to begin to recruit potential coaches, review facilities, secure and order equipment, develop a schedule, contract for transportation and officials, etc. In short, this will not be an easy task, but one that will be well thought out with a quality program in mind.

There are other variables that will impact the implementation of an expansion that must come into play. An example would be the lack of a quality baseball field to provide for baseball at this time. The

goal is to work closely with the military and Youth Services to ensure that when all fields have been completed that one fit the needs of a quality high school program. There is also a need to work with the Korean community to find teams comparable to DoDDS Korea. DoDDS Korea does not currently have a baseball team at any of the high schools. The goal would be for all DoDDS Korea high schools to field a team, but we must also look to the Korean schools if there is not enough interest at all DoDDS Korea schools. DoDDS Korea schools differ in size and the pool of potential athletes at some DoDDS schools may preclude them from fielding a baseball team or any additional team. There may also be a conflict with another sport like soccer, which may pull from a current program. Again, the goal is a quality program and some DoDDS Korea schools may find that they do not have enough of a participant pool to field both soccer and baseball. I might add that not all DoDDS Korea schools currently field all the teams that DoDDS Korea offers each year.



Yongsan Lanes YABA stars

as of March 23

Pee-Wees

Name	Score	
Boys		
Jesen Somera	108	Scratch Game
Matthew Callahan	202	Handicap Game
Girls		
Sarah Mankus	78	Scratch Game
Lanita Fields	187	Handicap Game
Bantam		
Boys		
Leon McGill	112	Scratch Game
	202	Scratch Series
Ameer Jalal	219	Handicap Game
	427	Handicap Series
Girls		
Shaena Somera	84	Scratch Game
	160	Scratch Series
	198	Handicap Game
	388	Handicap Series



This week's featured Yongsan Bowler is 7 year old Paul Greenhouse. In his first season Paul's excellent form earned him an advanced promotion from the Pee Wee division to the Bantam division where he competes against 8-10 year olds.

Preps

Name	Score	
Boys		
Steven Brennan	140	Scratch Game
	380	Scratch Series
	232	Handicap Game
	656	Handicap Series
Girls		
Christine Spann	137	Scratch Game
	392	Scratch Series
Cassie Mankus	221	Handicap Game
	641	Handicap Series
Jr-Majors		
Boys		
Josh Pierson	211	Scratch Game
Dylan Bruce	211	Scratch Game
Josh Pierson	596	Scratch Series
Bryson Endrina	247	Handicap Game
	657	Handicap Series
Girls		
Jiovanna Bruce	223	Scratch Game
	633	Scratch Series
Christie Maynard	246	Handicap Game
	654	Handicap Series

LSAs from Page 1



The MWR tent near the Butler building allows soldiers to relax and watch movies on a large-screen T.V. and eat popcorn.

supposed to be, whether it is Taegu, Sungnam, Osan, Humphreys or Yongsan. We have life support areas at each place. We also have a Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent at each tent city that has popcorn machines, games and DVD movies to accommodate the soldiers," she said.

"Each LSA tent can accommodate 27 soldiers. Each soldier gets a cot, a foot-

locker and a rack to hang their clothes. The latrines are fixed facilities, and we also have shower rooms. We have two female tents that hold 54 female soldiers," said Blackshear, who also works in the training, plans and operations office at 34th Spt. Grp. headquarters.

"It's better than the field because we have the TVs, we're not walking on dirt and we have wood floors. It's better than living outside," said Pfc. John Smith Jr., supply specialist, 348 Quartermaster Company, Camp Humphreys, who is being housed

at the Camp Coiner LSA.

Successfully dealing with logistical and support issues plays a large role in helping soldiers during the exercise.

"We have some soldiers who are working at other places like TANGO, but most of them are working here at Yongsan. We have buses that take them to chow for every meal," said Staff Sgt. William C. Ellington, noncommissioned officer in

charge, Walker Center, 34th Spt. Grp.

"We try to make them as comfortable as possible. I make sure that the building stays clean, that work orders get called in and that the light bulbs get changed," Ellington said.

At the Walker Center, soldiers have a dayroom with a large screen TV and even have access to a computer room that allows them to connect to the internet so that they can email friends and family.

Each LSA has a 'mayor' who ensures that living conditions are up to standard.

"I primarily make sure that living standards are as high as we can make them for the soldiers by keeping it as comfortable as possible," said Sgt. 1st

Class Thomas J. Rooyakkers, mayor, Butler building LSA, CPTANGO.

"A lot of soldiers have the idea before they come out here that they are going to be living really rough, and they are really happy with the conditions out here," Rooyakkers said.



There is a computer room at the Walker Center that allows soldiers to access their e-mail in the LSA.

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"I think Mr. SAHS was a blast. We had Brave Heart, Indiana Jones, crazy piano playing, stick dancing, boomerang throwing and fight club all in one night. Participating in it was sort of like football because you had people yelling at you to do this and don't do this. Sometimes my friends and I would create a huddle too, think up rebelish thoughts. But, it was exhilarating," said Walter Lau, who assisted some of the contestants with their talent exhibitions.

Overall the night was a success. Many people were satisfied and hope that next years will be as good as this year.

"It was a fun tradition and shows a lot of school spirit. I was an escort last year, but it's different every year and it's great to go back," said Christine Carpenter, a junior.

"Well it was a good success and I hope the tradition of Mr. SAHS continues," said Erika Taylor, a senior.

Anthony Jones performs his own song during the talent portion of the Mr. SAHS pageant.

PHOTO BY SUSAN PAGE (SAHS)





# How much do you know about Yongsan?

By Maj. Rick Jellison

UNC/CFK/USFK Deputy Command Historian

Did you know the English translation for the name “Yongsan” is Dragon Hill? Did you know Yongsan used to be part of a Japanese military garrison and the residence of the Imperial Japanese Governor-General of Korea? Furthermore, did you know many of the athletic fields, parks, and buildings on Yongsan were named in honor of US military heroes of the Korean War? Well if you did not, now you can read all about it in the “Historical Walking Tour of Yongsan Garrison.”

In April, the U.S. Forces Korea Command History Office will release a

20-page pamphlet titled, “Historical Walking Tour of Yongsan Garrison.” In it you will find many interesting facts about the post. A couple examples are the US Marine Headquarters building used to be the Japanese Officer’s Club and the 142nd Military Police Company barracks was named in honor of SGT Cornelius H. Charlton, an African-American who earned the Medal of Honor during the Korean War.

The “Historical Walking Tour of Yongsan Garrison” is divided into two major parts: a brief history of the garrison from the Japanese colonial period up to the present time and three self-guided walking tours of the post. The first tour

highlights the buildings leftover from the old Japanese garrison. The second tour features the buildings and areas of post named in honor of US military Korean War heroes. The third tour is a guide to other notable monuments around post. The pamphlet also contains strip maps of Main and South Posts to provide assistance with the walking tours, and a short recommended reading list about the Korean War.

The walking tours provide an excellent activity for groups, families, or individuals to see and learn about the post. The tours highlight buildings, monuments, and parks on Camp Coiner, Camp Kim, Main and South Post, and the TMP Compound.

There is no specific starting or finishing point for each tour. Each one tends to loop around the garrison, making it easy for someone to start and finish near their residence. Since the tours are self-paced and self-guided, they fit into anyone’s schedule.

Pick-up copies of the “Historical Walking Tour of Yongsan Garrison” at the USFK Command History Office located in the William Dean Heritage Center (bldg. 4260) on South Post or in other locations around the post. While at the William Dean Heritage Center, please take the time to visit the Hall of Heroes - a display honoring the 131 Medal of Honor recipients of the Korean War.



*Diana Maloney, outgoing mayor of Itaewon Acres, receives a certificate of appreciation and commander's coin from Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34<sup>th</sup> Support Group and Area II, at the monthly Area II Information Forum held at the Community Services Building, March 26. Maloney along with Jackie Sargent, vice mayor Itaewon Acres, Donna McDonough-Canty, mayor Eagle Grove, Cassandra Miller, mayor Hannam Low Rise, Shelia Morales-Aviles, mayor Hannam Hi rise, Edwin Morales-Aviles, mayor Hannam Hi rise, Pat Wheeler, mayor South post Hill, Paulette Kuhr, mayor South Post and Terri Bridges, vice mayor South Post, were all recognized for the long hours and dedication in their respective communities in Area II.*

## Recognition for hardwork...

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*Governor Jang-Kyu Park, Yongsan-Ku and Col. Steve T. Wilberger, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II, in their capacities as co-chairmen of the Yongsan-ku and Yongsan Garrison Korean American Friendship Council, present a certificate of appointment to Kum-Hee Hong, vice chairperson of the Yongsan-ku Women's Association as a new member of the KAFC. Young-Hee Lee, president of Technology and Information Company, was also newly appointed to the council during the quarterly KAFC meeting held March 21.*



# Army announces Well-Being Lab sites

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - The Army has announced Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; and the 26th Area Support Group, Germany; as sites for Well-Being Labs, beginning in June.

Brig. Gen. Jim Coggin, director of Human Resources Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, briefed the initiative to garrison commanders attending a conference March 19 in Nashville, Tenn.

According to the implementing memorandum, the labs will:

- \* Research, develop and implement a laboratory program designed to maximize the well-being of soldiers, civilians and families through actions taken at installation/community level;

- \* Identify community member perceptions of Well-Being products and services;

- \* Analyze laboratory results and recommend actions for Army-wide implementation.

"About the best way I can describe Well-Being Labs is that they will demonstrate the best-business practices of Well-Being — sharing what works and what does not," Coggin said. "They are being put into place to determine what the Well-Being philosophy looks like in execution. We are doing something here that hasn't been done before — there are no templates."

The Army's definition of Well-Being is the personal — physical, material,

mental and spiritual — state of soldiers, (Department of the Army) civilians, veterans, retirees and their families that contributes to their preparedness to perform and support the Army mission.

The primary difference between what was once called Quality of Life and Well-Being is that Well-Being seeks to integrate the mutually supporting demands and expectations of the Army and its people, said Lt. Col. John Wood, Well-Being Division chief, G-1.

"In the past, commanders had to gather information from stovepipe systems," Wood said. "He would have to ask the housing chief for a snapshot of his area, the hospital commander for the medical picture, his finance officer for pay issues and so on. Ideally, Well-Being will integrate those systems by having someone responsible for looking across those systems and evaluating them in a holistic manner with the results tied to readiness."

Wood's division has been working the Headquarters, Department of the Army, piece of Well-Being for more than a year. It has tied the Well-Being live, connect and grow model to 48 specific Army Well-Being functions.

Well-Being categories include:

- \* To live: pay and compensation, health care, housing, continuous learning and command programs;

- \* To connect: fitness and health promotions, workplace environment, family member education and family programs;

- \* To grow: religious programs, investment, educational assistance, family member employment and Morale, Welfare

and Recreation.

"Our challenge is to show how investing in Well-Being really scores by articulating it back to readiness," Wood said.

For the individual, Well-Being provides predictability and standardization with programs and benefits across the Army.

"We recognize the Army has great programs, but sometimes the programs are not integrated with other functions and with the Army's goals and objectives to maximize the benefits for the soldier, retiree or family member," Wood said.

Describing himself as a "Well-Being evangelist," Coggin said the expectations of today's younger soldiers about the Army are vastly different than his generation.

"I come from the Baby-Boomer Generation where the norm is giving complete loyalty to the institution while making few demands on it," Coggin said. "Generational studies show that Generation X'ers have greater expectations of the organization they work for."

Coggin listed some of those expectations: fair pay and compensation; good healthcare; reasonable opportunities for continuing education; time and access to recreation; reasonable time to spend with family; knowing their family will be cared for if they are called away for duty; access to communications to family when away; knowing their own needs will be taken care of when away; a maintained workplace; and workload predictability.

The consequences of not making

reasonable efforts to meet those expectations may have consequences that directly impact readiness, Coggin said. In the future, the Army could be challenged to attract the number and quality of recruits it needs, and it may be more difficult to retain the people it needs, he explained.

In addition to the Well-Being Labs, the general touched on a number of Well-Being initiatives implemented in the last year:

- \* TRICARE for Life, which provides permanent healthcare benefits to Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees, family members and survivors who have attained the age of 65.

- \* High school stabilization, allows soldiers to stabilize in their current duty location for one year if they have a child who will graduate from high school during that year.

- \* Thrift Savings Plan, a federal Government-sponsored retirement savings and investment plan for Department of the Army civilians and now a benefit for military servicemembers.

- \* Spouse Orientation and Leader Development conference, a meeting of active-duty, Reserve and Guard spouses to map out strategy to help Army spouses be more self-sufficient when soldier is deployed.

"A good Army completes its mission," Coggin said. "A good Army takes care of its people. But a great Army does both. We have a great Army now and it will continue as a great Army while transforming to the Objective Force."

## Installation Management in final stages

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** - Army Secretary White announced the seven regions that will oversee installation management and put his plan to streamline bureaucracy into play during a garrison commanders conference in Nashville, Tenn., March 19.

The following installations will host the director and staff for their respective region: Northeast: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va.; Southeast: Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.; Northwest: Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.; Southwest: Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Europe: Heidelberg, Germany; Pacific: Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Korea: Yongsan, South Korea.

Transformation Installation Management, formerly known as Centralized Installation Management, was introduced to the Army by White in September 2001 when he pledged that the Army would implement better business practices.

"We are striving to manage the Army more efficiently — starting at the top by restructuring the Army Headquarters into a leaner, more integrated organization," White said.

For years the soldier has been shortchanged, but by reducing the headquarters staff through regionalization, funds can be re-invested in the soldier's quality of life, White said.

"Years of under funding our installation has taken a toll," White said. "We have first-class soldiers living and working in third-class facilities. This is unacceptable."

Under the new structure, garrison commanders will have more authority over funding, resources and their people, said Maj. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, the

Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management in an earlier interview.

There won't be as many loopholes at levels above the garrison because commanders will take their command and control and funding directly from the regional offices, he said.

During White's speech he announced three initiatives the regional directors will work toward to save the Army money and improve well being for soldiers. It is economically feasible to contract out

utilities, he said. Also the Army has been very successful with Residential Communities Initiative, which provides adequate housing for soldiers.

The last initiative he spoke on was Army Knowledge Management, which involves leveraging E-business concepts and technologies to flatten the Army's operational structure.

"Simply put TIM is the Army's effort to provide a corporate structure focused on efficient and effective installation management," White said.

### Unmanned Aerial Vehicle demonstration



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL RAUTIO

**Soldiers from Company A, 104th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas prepare to launch a Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle as part of a demonstration of the vehicles' capabilities for Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White.**